
Field Command-- Division Level

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Purpose

To delineate:

- the key individuals,
 - their posts,
 - and their roles
- in battle command

Outline

- Definitions
- Commander & Staff
- Command Posts
- Split-Based & Joint Ops
- Other Considerations

Battle Command

Components

- Decision making
- Lead & motivate soldiers
- Control operations
 - * prioritize
 - * allocate assets

Key Information

(to acquire & interpret)

Mission

Enemy

Terrain/Weather

Troops

Time Available

The Commander

- Accountable to higher CDRs
- Provides purpose & direction
- Carries vision to completion
- Coordinates efforts of staff

Staff Functions

- Anticipate CDR's needs
- Develop courses of action
- Issue orders & instructions
- Monitor execution of orders
- Plan future operations

Command Group

- Members vary with mission
- Usually G2, G3, fire support element, air liaison officer
- Requires communications
- Use same vehicles as others

Command Posts (CPs)

- Tactical
- Main
- Rear

Tactical CPs

- Small, mobile
- Close to forward brigades
- Can control close operations
- Usually run by assistant division cdr for maneuvers

Main Command Post

- Heart of operations
- Mobile, out of artillery range
- Supervised by Chief of Staff
- 3 cells: Command, G2, G3

Command Cell

- Has command center, group
- Synchronizes main CP fns
- Central source for battle info, serves as info source for division commander

G3 Cell (1 of 2)

- Synchronizes division battle
- Operations element
- Plans Element
- Deep Ops Coordination Cell
- Airspace coordination

G3 Cell (2 of 2)

- Fire Support Element
 - * coordinates artillery targets, firing, and support
- Signal Officer
 - * coordinates communications

G2 Cell

- Coordinates intelligence
- Responsible for weather info
- Coordinates tactical recon & surveillance ops
- Provides terrain info

Rear CP

- Synchronizes rear ops
- Has 3 cells:
 - * Headquarters
 - * Operations
 - * Combat Service Support

HQ Cell of Rear CP

- Run by Assistant Division Commander for Support
- Sustains division's deep, close, & rear ops
- Coordinates w/ DISCOM CP

Ops Cell of Rear CP

- 3 elements:
 - * operations
 - * intelligence
 - * fire support
- Coord's host nation assist.
- Coordinates EPWs, CI

CSS Cell of Rear Ops

- Plans & coord's sustainment
 - * G1 section plans personnel ops, including replacements, strength
 - * G4 plans logistics & movement

Split-based Ops

- Technology facilitates sep. of forward from rear functions
- Increases safety of rear units, agility of forward units
- CONUS may be sustainer, with rear CP coordinating

Joint Ops

- Usually supported thru CINC
- Command structure can vary
- Unity of effort is key

Op Orders

- Clarity & promptness key
- Commander should state:
 - * reason for operation
 - * goals of the operation
- FRAGOs facilitate speed

Air Support

- Supervised by G3
- Includes
 - * offensive & defensive counterair
 - * air interdiction
 - * Close air support
 - * Tactical surveillance, recon, airlift

High tech on Battlefield

- Army Battle Command System links many functions
- Global communications
- Rapid transmission of info
- Integrates battle elements

Summary

- Commander & Staff
- Command Posts
- Split-Based & Joint Ops
- Orders
- Airspace & High Tech

Conclusions

- Many elements, and many individuals, involved, in battle command operations
- However, commander still calls the shots & must provide leadership